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SUBJECT: BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

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GENEVA FOR PHELAN

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED WITH MINISTRY OF COMMERCE JOINT SECRETARY DAS RECENT PROBLEMS ARISING UNDER BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT. ACCORDING TO DAS, THERE WAS "NO CASE" AT PRESENT FOR RESTRAINT OF SHIPMENTS OF INDIAN APPAREL IN GROUP II OR THE FOUR JOINT MILLMADE AND HANDLOOM APPAREL CATEGORIES (341; 338, 339 AND 340; 336; AND 347 AND 348). HE EXPLAINED THAT THE GOI HAD NOT PROPERLY CERTIFIED HANDLOOM APPAREL EXPORTS, I.E. THEY HAD MISTAKENLY NOT BEEN STAMPED WITH AN "ELEPHANT MARK". HE ESTIMATED THAT SINCE JANUARY 1, 1978, 55-60 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL SHIPMENTS OF 21 MILLION SYE IN THE FOUR CATEGORIES WERE ACTUALLY HAND LOOM GOODS (I. E. 11-12 MILLION SYE).
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DAS ARGUED, THEREFORE, THAT THIS AMOUNT (11-12 MILLION SYE) SHOULD NOT BE APPLIED TO GROUP II AND SHOULD BE SUBTRACTED FROM IT. HE SAID THAT MINISTER DIXIT WILL BE DISCUSSING THIS MATTER SOON WITH USG OFFICIALS.

2. DAAS THOUGHT THAT VERY FEW TEXTILE CATEGORIES WOULD BE FILLED IN CY 1978 BECAUSE THE BULK OF INDIAN APPAREL

EXPORTS TO THE US OCCURRED DURING THE FIRST HALF OF THE CALENDAR YEAR. HE ADMITTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE GOI MAY ASK AGAIN FOR A HIGHER CONSULTATION LEVEL FOR CATEGORY 342 (SKIRTS). HE SAID THAT IT WAS GENERAL GOI POLICY NOT TO ASK FOR INCREASES IN CONSULTATIONS LEVELS UNTIL A PARTICULAR CATEGORY WAS ABOUT 85 PERCENT FILLED AND IT WAS EVIDENT TO THE GOI THAT FUTURE SHIPMENTS DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR WOULD EXCEED THE CONSULTATION LEVEL.

3. DAS REQUESTED LATEST AVAILABLE TEXTILE IMPORT DATA SO THAT THE GOI WOULD BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO ANTICIPATE FUTURE PROBLEMS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING BY CABLE THE MOST RECENT DATA ON US IMPORTS OF INDIAN TEXTILES BY CATEGORY DURING 1978.
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